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Squirrel's Thirst Almost Cost Animal Its Life

ASHINGTON.—If your friends include a country squirrel whose home address is a nut tree, with a running stream for neighbor, you will know that, as a good provider, his name is Hoover. But there are always othersthis one, for instance, who has found a champion in a kindly big brother,

named Man: "While sitting in Stanton park early Sunday morning last a squirrel THAT TIME ran down one of the trees near the park fountain, and after first trying to get water at the hose connection near by, he failed to satisfy his thirst and thereupon made for the fountain itself and dashed over the wall of the basin into about a foot of water. He followed the wall of the

fountain basin and I soon saw that he was not going to be able to get out of his predicament. I halled the street lighter and he got him out with his stick. He tells me this happens frequently in summer time and that he often takes them out of the fountain in a very exhausted condition.

"But to get back to the story-the squirrel was no sooner rescued than he made off for the same tree which he had descended a moment before, and as my eyes followed him in his ascent they rested on something in the forks of the tree which proved to be a flask a little more than half full of whisky. This fact, coupled with the animal's thirst, certainly makes out a good case by circumstantial evidence. However, this, of course, is a mere coincidence and has nothing to do with either the chilling effect of the squirrel's early morning bath or his abnormal thirst, for he seemed to be a perfectly sober and respectable squirrel, and there is no doubt in my mind but that the aforesaid hidden treasure really belonged to another and entirely different kind of animal. Still one cannot help but wonder if the owner of the bottle would not take quite as great a risk to secure a drink from either it or the fountain so early on a Sunday morning, or which animal is really the more reckless of

"If you will absorb this little story, which is a true one, it may bring about the provision of means whereby the squirrels may be able to get out of the fountains, which ought to be done. It is not pleasant to think of their swimming themselves to death on some occasion."

Women Displacing Men in the National Capital

URED by thousands of vacancies in the federal departments and private institutions as a result of war, women are flocking to Washington in such numbers that the capital is in danger of being overrun with them. Few men



are seeking jobs but the women are applying for hundreds of newly created positions in the various government branches and taking the places vacated by men who have been or will be called to the colors,

Already Washington was a city of women. The percentage of women, according to the census of 1910, was larger than in any other large city in the country. The figures demonstrated that then there were 91.3 men for every 100 women. The prediction is made that with a continuance of the war for a year or more there will be

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two women for every man in the city. One member of congress from Virginia said that he had assisted more than 100 women from among his constituency to obtain employment in the public service during the last few months.

Recently four cabinet officers-Secretaries Lansing, Baker, Daniels and Redfield—announced that women would be appointed in their departments in preference to men. This policy was adopted as a military precaution; the men are needed for duty on the firing line and in the process of mobilization of the nation's resources. It is probable that the other departments are doing the same, although without public announcement.

Many Reasons Why War Nurses Should Be Slim

S UGGESTIONS for reforms of every kind are being received daily by the Council of National Defense. Now a movement is on to "reform" fat nurses. A group of Chicago women, who want the government to construct a

camp for intensive reducing, has recently put the question up to the women's committee of the Council of National Defense.

Fat at the front-that is the batfront—is considered a serious

handicap, in the view of women. Nurses to be most efficient should be no more than properly plump; there is no necessity of their being perfect thirty-sixes, but when they are forty-seven or forty-eights that is too much. Besides the smaller sizes

please the wounded soldiers better. But there is another consideration which has come into the minds of officials. It is the necessity of conserving all space possible aboard steamers in the transatiantic service. A 50-pound reduction for every one of 1,000 nurses, might readily save

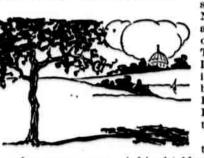
the transportation expenses of 25 tons. The Chicago women declared that the camps the government should establish in various sections of the country where nurses could reduce should

The courses should be of from two to six months' duration, according to the size of the nurse. Then, fully, reduced, they would be ready for France, or could better withstand the strain of field service.

But after all has been said, to the patient in the cot the plump and jolly nurse, with ever-ready smile, will be for all time the one in demand

Fenced-In Botanical Grounds Mar the Landscape

HEN I behold Washington arrayed in its livery of green it seems to me that every citizen of the United States should have for it the passionate attachment which the Athenian Greek had for the 'violet-crowned city,' "



said Paul De Lavigne, an artist of New York city, at the Willard. "There are in all directions vistas and visions of surpassing loveliness and beauty. The view from the capitol across the Potomac to the blue Virginia hills is, in my opinion, unequaled. Much has been said and written of the beauty of Paris, the City of Mexico, Florence, Italy, and Constantinople. Washington surpasses them all.

"There is one blur, however, on the landscape. The fenced-in botanical grounds are an eyesore. A friend told me not long ago that an English visitor inquired of him for what reason the authorities had located a jail at the foot of the capitol. His friend, supposing that he was jesting, replied that its present location was selected to imprison the Socialists in congress, whereupon the Englishman answered, 'Why do they not send the beggars to the workhouse?' Such an inclosure is nowhere seen save around jail and barracks. It shuts out to thousands a view of the matchless fountain presented to the nation by Bartholdi, the sculptor who designed and cast the Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World at the entrance to New York harbor. That prison wall, in my opinion, should vanish overnight."

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

A Wisconsin man has invented a cane that folds into a stool. Infectious diseases are unknown in Greenland on account of the dry, cold atmosphere.

The present British parliament has lived longer than any of its 29 prede- product. cessors since the act of union. It is announced from Petrograd that

A band saw mounted on wheels and driven by a gasoline engine has been invented for cutting off stumps level with the ground.

From sandstone and clay a German inventor is making an artificial pumice stone said to be more uniform in hardness and size of grain than the natural

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